# Timpdon Electronics

# UltraRad Radio System Controller Model URC1

The **UltraRad** Controller Model **URC1** is a radio controlled PWM motor speed controller for battery electric vehicles, designed to operate as part of the **Timpdon Electronics UltraRad** radio control system.

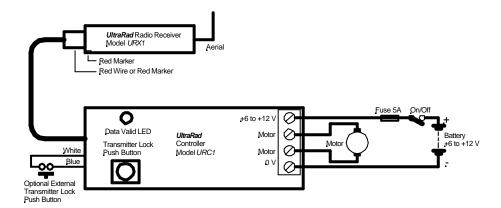
For operation, the *URC1* requires the following additional *UltraRad* radio system components, supplied separately:

- UltraRad Radio Transmitter Model UTX1 or UTX2
- UltraRad Radio Receiver Model URX1

#### **Features**

- Connects directly to any UltraRad radio receiver.
- Can be locked to any UltraRad transmitter.
- Digital microprocessor controlled bi-directional motor speed controller.
- High efficiency, pulse width modulated motor output for accurate speed control, especially at low speeds.
- Small size 65mm x 28mm x 15mm.
- Wide battery voltage range 6 to 12 V d.c.
- 2.5 A maximum continuous motor load current.
- Screw terminals for external motor and battery connections. Flying lead for connection to radio receiver.
- Fail safe feature to stop vehicle if radio control is lost

## Installation and Wiring



#### Notes

- Connect the **V+** terminal to the **battery positive** and the **OV** terminal to the **battery negative**. Connect the two **motor** terminals to the motor. Keep the motor leads as short as possible and twist them together, to minimise electrical interference.
  - If, on testing, the direction of travel is opposite to that you expected, reverse the **motor** connections at the terminal block.
- Take care with the battery polarity. The *URC1* is not protected against reverse supply polarity.
  - Reversed polarity will result in very high currents and may damage the **URC1** and the radio receiver **URX1**. You are recommended to fit a 5A fuse in the positive battery lead for protection.
- Fit a power **on/off** switch in the **battery positive** supply lead. Remember the **URC1** and the **URX1** use power even when the speed is set to zero. The quiescent current is approximately 20 mA plus an additional 25 mA when the reverser is set to the **reverse** position.
- Plug the flying lead into the connector on the *URX1* radio receiver. Make sure that the **red wire** or **red marker** is on the **same side** as the **red marker** on the *URX1*. If you apply power with this connector reversed, you will irreparably damage the *URX1*.

- If the *URC1* is mounted in an inaccessible position, you may fit an external transmitter lock push button switch connected between the *White* and *Blue* wires, if desired. These wires are connected to the same points as the internal push button.
- A 0.1 μF motor suppression capacitor is supplied loose with the *URC1*. If required, this capacitor should be connected directly across the motor terminals to suppress electrical noise generated by the motor. You are advised to fit this capacitor only if you experience erratic operation of the controller, as its use can, in some circumstances, worsen instead of improve system operation.
- Note that, as the *URC1* is not fitted with auxiliary outputs, the **Aux 1** and **Aux 2** controls on the *UltraRad* transmitter have no function when used in conjunction with the *URC1*.

#### Data Valid LED

The **Data Valid** LED will flash once each time a valid radio control data packet is received from the *UltraRad* transmitter.

In general, data is transmitted approximately once every second, increasing to a maximum of four transmissions a second when settings values are being changed.

On first power up, this LED may not flash, as when the **URC1** is shipped, it is not normally locked to any transmitter.

On first use, therefore, you must lock it to your transmitter, following the instructions below.

### Transmitter Lock

The **URC1** will respond only to a single **UltraRad** radio transmitter, to which it has been locked. The transmitter to which it will respond can be changed by the user at any time, using the following procedure.

- 1 Ensure that only the *UltraRad* transmitter to which the *URC1* is to be locked is powered up in the vicinity.
- 2 Apply power to the **URC1** and **URX1**.

- Press and hold the transmitter lock push button. As soon as the URC1 locks to the transmitter, the Data Valid LED will start to flash in synchronism with the Transmit LED on the UltraRad transmitter. Then release the push button.
- 4 Your radio control system is now fully operational, and will remain locked to the selected transmitter until you change it again. The lock setting will be remembered when you remove power from the **URC1**.

#### Fail Safe

In normal operation, the vehicle will maintain the control settings sent in the last valid transmission received by the *URC1*. However, if no valid data is received for a continuous period of 10 seconds, the vehicle will be halted automatically. Normal operation will be resumed when radio control is re-established.

#### Other Timpdon UltraRad Radio Control Products

#### Transmitters

Model **UTX1** Analogue speed channel

Digital Forward/Stop/Reverse channel

Two digital auxiliary channels

Receivers

Model **URX1** Compatible with all **UltraRad** transmitters

**Controllers** 

Model **URC2** For battery electric vehicles

Bi-directional PWM speed controller

Two digital auxiliary channels for horn and lights

Regulator / Reverser

Auxiliary – for steam horn

One digital auxiliary channel - for lights